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March 18, 1953

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 16, 1953, in which you requested that the investigation of Robert W. S. McLeod be brought up to date for the period subsequent to December, 1949.

Please be advised that the necessary inquiries have been instituted and upon completion a summary of the results of our inquiries will be made available to you in the usual manner.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

On February 27, 1953, your Bureau furnished to us a memorandum covering the results of an FBI investigation to December 1949, concerning Mr. Robert W. S. McLeod.

In order that the files of the Department may contain an up-to-date inquiry, it is requested that a bring-up-to-date investigation be instituted for the period subsequent to December 1949.

Sincerely yours,

John Foster Dulles

The Honorable

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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April 1, 1953

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

By letter dated March 16, 1953, the Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, requested that an investigation of Robert Walter Scott McLeod be conducted for the period subsequent to December, 1949. There is attached a summary reflecting the results of the inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Mr. McLeod. A copy of this summary has been furnished to Mr. Dulles.

For your further information, a complete character and fitness investigation, including a loyalty check, was conducted by this Bureau concerning Mr. McLeod in connection with his application for employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On June 1, 1952, he entered on duty as a Special Agent with the Bureau, and following a period of training, he performed investigative duties in the Philadelphia and Boston Offices of this Bureau. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business December 22, 1949, to accept another position. His services were entirely satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau. The above information was furnished to the State Department through liaison channels on February 27, 1953.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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ROBERT WALTER SCOTT MC LEOD

The records of the United States Senate Disbursement Office reflect that McLeod entered on duty December 23, 1949, as Administrative Assistant to United States Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire. He terminated this employment on March 2, 1953, in order to accept another position in the Government.

Senator Bridges advised that he had known Mr. McLeod during the time McLeod was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Concord, New Hampshire. He said that during the three and one-half years in which McLeod has been his Administrative Assistant, he has found him to be very loyal, dependable, and one who possesses a stout character, and cannot be bullied by others. He went on to say that the appointee is a very valuable man, competent, capable, and outspoken. Senator Bridges said he is very sorry to lose the services of McLeod, and recommends him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

Edward King, Legislative Assistant to Senator Styles Bridges; Everard Smith, Chief Clerk, United States Senate Appropriations Committee; Thomas J. Scott, Assistant Chief Clerk, United States Senate Appropriations Committee; and Richard Eddy, Legislative Assistant to Senator Bridges, were all contacted during the course of this investigation, and advised that they have known Mr. McLeod for seven, three, three and four years respectively. They described him as being a person of outstanding ability, and possessing all the qualifications which are necessary in discharging the duties of his office. In each instance, they said there was no question regarding his character, reputation, associates or loyalty.

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[redacted] advised that McLeod has been residing as a roomer [redacted] since he was initially employed in the office of Senator Bridges. She said his family still resides in Concord, New Hampshire, and Mr. McLeod returns there whenever the duties of his office will permit. She said she has met

his wife and children, and regards them in the same favorable manner as she does him. She concluded by saying that there is no question in her mind concerning his character, reputation, or loyalty.

Neighbors of Mr. McLeod and his family in Concord, New Hampshire, who were contacted during the course of this investigation, all characterized the family as very fine people. They described them as persons of excellent character and reputation, and of absolutely unquestionable loyalty and patriotism. All highly recommend Mr. McLeod for any position of trust and confidence.

Reverend Ernest A. Shepherd, Director, Division of Alcoholism, State Department of Health, Concord, New Hampshire; Dr. James B. Brown, dentist, 107 North State Street, Concord, New Hampshire; and Lewis Van Nostrand, General Manager, Radio Station WMT, 305 Second Street, Southeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who were listed by Mr. McLeod in the recent past as references, all recommend Mr. McLeod and his family as to their excellent character, unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. Each highly recommended him for employment in a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Credit and Criminal - The records of the credit bureaus and law enforcement agencies in Concord, New Hampshire, and Washington, D. C., contain no unfavorable information concerning the appointee or his wife.

The records of the United States Park Police; United States Civil Service Commission; House Committee on Un-American Activities; and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, contain no record or no additional information concerning Mr. McLeod.

The Attorney General

April 1, 1953

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Director, FBI

ROBERT WALTER SCOTT MC LEOD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

By letter dated March 16, 1953, the Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, requested an investigation of Robert Walter Scott McLeod for the period subsequent to December, 1949. A summary reflecting the results of the inquiries made by this Bureau in connection with this request is attached. Copies of this summary have been furnished to Mr. Dulles and to the Honorable Sherman Adams, the Assistant to the President.

For your further information, a complete character and fitness investigation, including a loyalty check, was conducted by this Bureau concerning Mr. McLeod in connection with his application for employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On June 1, 1942, he entered on duty as a Special Agent with this Bureau, and following a period of training he performed investigative duties in the Philadelphia and Boston Offices of this Bureau. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business December 22, 1949, to accept another position. His services were entirely satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau. The above information was furnished to the State Department through liaison channels on February 27, 1953.

Information concerning this period of employment with the Bureau has also been furnished to Mr. Adams.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of March 16, 1953, there is attached a summary reflecting the results of the inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Robert Walter Scott McLeod. It is to be noted that this investigation covers only the period subsequent to December, 1949. A memorandum covering the period of Mr. McLeod's employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation was furnished to your Department through liaison channels on February 27, 1953.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

McLeod, Robert W.S.

Sincerely yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/31/53

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0)

SUBJECT: R. W. SCOTT McLEOD
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There is attached herewith a letter dated 3/23/53 from [redacted] in which [redacted] sets forth information concerning a contact she had with Mr. R. W. SCOTT McLEOD, new Security Officer at the State Department. [redacted] states that she feels that McLEOD is a "deliberately untruthful individual" and that she also questioned "his truthfulness in the current DULLES - McLEOD controversy."

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The letter which is self explanatory is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and no copies are being retained in the WFO. It is noted that [redacted]

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The attached letter was left in person by [redacted] at the WFO on the afternoon of 3/23/53. [redacted] did not talk to an agent in regard to the matter but merely left the letter in a sealed envelope with the WFO receptionist.

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March 23, 1953

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Mr. R. W. Scott McLeod, Security Director, Department of State

Gentlemen:

As I have discovered Mr. McLeod to be a deliberately untruthful individual, I question his reliability for a position such as he now holds, and I also question his truthfulness in the current Dulles-McLeod controversy.

On or about December 6, 1952, Mr. McLeod (whom I have never met), telephoned me concerning a letter sent the office of Senator Styles Bridges [redacted] Mr. McLeod described himself to me as the administrative assistant to Senator Bridges.

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At this preliminary writing I shall not burden you with all the details of the telephone conversation, but I felt that Mr. McLeod was evasive in some of his statements to me. However, I made it clear to him that I would greatly welcome any offer of employment, including the position which he indicated [redacted] wished to offer me. I heard nothing from [redacted] and nothing further from Mr. McLeod, which I thought strange under the circumstances. Neither did Mr. McLeod send me a copy of his letter to [redacted]

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Some six weeks later I learned that, according to a letter written by [redacted] to a [redacted] of this city, Senator Bridges' office had reported back to [redacted] that I "didn't want any help in that sense" (i.e., employment). [redacted] letter, copy of which was sent me by [redacted] having been unaware of the above incident), also indicated that, contrary to Mr. McLeod's representations to me, [redacted] may not have indicated he desired to offer me a position, but may have been suggesting or at least intimating that Senator Bridges interest himself in the matter.

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I have no choice but to be convinced that Mr. McLeod deliberately and completely misrepresented to [redacted] my statements in the telephone conversation. The fact of his misrepresentation also confirms and partially explains to me the evasiveness and reluctance I noted on the part of Mr. McLeod when he 'phoned me, and his unsuccessful attempt to have me take what I considered an inappropriate and possibly embarrassing action with reference to [redacted] inquiry. Such action would have made it unnecessary for Mr. McLeod to refer [redacted] letter to the Senator at all.

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If you are interested in this summary, I shall of course be willing to furnish complete details of the telephone conversation, and copies of the letters from [redacted] to [redacted] and from the latter to me, together with names of a couple of friends with whom I discussed the matter at the time, and prior to Mr. McLeod's present appointment.

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As a result of the above incident I distrusted Mr. McLeod so completely and held such a poor opinion of him that when I read of his appointment as Security Director I decided to inform your Bureau of the occurrence in question. I delayed doing so at once because I had not yet mailed a letter I had written to [redacted] telling him he had been deliberately misled. I have been holding up that letter at the suggestion of [redacted] who told me by telephone that [redacted] was away from his office on an extended trip. However, in view of the controversy which involves in part the

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question of the truthfulness of Mr. Dulles vs. Mr. McLeod, according to the press, I feel that I should pass on to you the foregoing without further delay.

Needless to say, my sympathies would be with those making efforts to clean out questionable characters from the State Department and elsewhere, but I feel that in the interest of the truth and of fairness I should pass on to you the fact of my experience with Mr. McLeod. As a result of that experience, I would never, under any circumstances, believe anything he says, nor trust him to serve any interests except his own.

Sincerely yours,

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February 19, 1953

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS

General Walter Bedell Smith, Under Secretary of State, called to inquire as to what I knew about Scott McLeod. I told him that McLeod formerly worked for the Bureau and also used to work for Senator Styles Bridges. I told General Smith that I would like to check his file and would call him regarding this. The General mentioned that of the names I had submitted to him for the security administrative position in his department only Yeagley was under consideration as he was the only one who could be obtained for this position. General Smith stated they were also considering Scott McLeod as an alternate and that was the reason he was inquiring into his background.

I called General Smith back a little later and advised him that Scott McLeod had an excellent record while he was in the Bureau from June, 1942 to December, 1949. I stated that McLeod did investigative work and some office administrative work and then went with Senator Bridges and since that time his relations and contacts with this Bureau have been excellent. General Smith then asked which would be the better man to have for this position and I told him it would be a toss-up as they were both excellent men.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 25, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: SCOTT McLEOD

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SYNOPSIS:

General Walter Bedell Smith advised via Liaison today that Scott McLeod had informed him that FBI investigation of [redacted] was a bad job and that several matters were not followed up. General Smith unable to state specifically what matters McLeod had reference to. McLeod also felt FBI should give [redacted] lie detector test but Smith would not allow him to make such a request. McLeod allegedly on two different occasions talked to either Senator McCarthy, or one of his investigators, prior to newspaper publicity re Dulles-McLeod controversy over issuance of security clearance for [redacted] Smith of impression news leak was through McCarthy's office. President wanted to fire McLeod for such leak but Smith persuaded him otherwise as bad tactics at that time.

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ACTION:

For your information. However, since McLeod is alleged to have stated that the FBI investigation of [redacted] was a bad job and several matters were missed, it is recommended that Mr. Quigley be allowed to recontact General Smith if the Director approves for the purpose of informing the General that this matter has been discussed with the Director who feels that such a charge is a serious allegation and reflection against the FBI, therefore, we would like the General's permission to inquire of McLeod just where the FBI failed to pursue all logical leads in the [redacted] investigation.

Yes & promptly

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DETAILS:

In a conversation with General Walter Bedell Smith today (3-25-53) Mr. Quigley of the Liaison Section was advised of some background information in connection with the recent controversy

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between Secretary Dulles and McLeod. General Smith said that the day before the newspapers carried the story that Dulles and McLeod were in controversy over the [redacted] security clearance, he had occasion to talk with McLeod in his office. He advised that it was very evident to him that McLeod was upset over something and wanted to get it off his mind. McLeod told the General at that time that he had gone over the FBI's summary memorandum on [redacted] and he could not in his own mind give [redacted] a security clearance. He added that he had worked for the FBI for some time and that during this time he developed a sixth sense and for this reason he did not feel that he could issue such a clearance. General Smith claimed that McLeod told him that in his opinion the FBI had done a bad job in this investigation and had missed several matters which he felt should have been followed up. He also informed the General that the FBI should give [redacted] a lie detector test. General Smith said that he informed McLeod that he and the Secretary and the White House were well satisfied with the investigations which the FBI has been conducting and he did not feel that they should point out to the Director how an investigation should be conducted; further, that McLeod was well aware of the fact that the Director had no confidence in lie detector tests and therefore, he would not suggest the use of such a procedure.

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General Smith was asked by Mr. Quigley specifically why McLeod felt that the Bureau had done a bad job in this investigation and exactly what matters had not been pursued to their fullest. The General said that he was not able to give any specific instances as he and McLeod did not go into any details in this regard. As a matter of fact, he said that he informed McLeod during this conversation that he had personally gone over the FBI summary memorandum and in his opinion it contained nothing of a derogatory nature which should prevent [redacted] being given a security clearance, although he did admit that it contained the usual suspicions which appear to be groundless.

Shortly thereafter the General said that the controversy between Dulles and McLeod made headlines in the newspapers which carried direct quotes of Secretary Dulles. The General said that

the newspaper quotes of the Secretary were exactly correct and that the only source who could have given these quotes was McLeod inasmuch as McLeod and the Secretary were the only ones present when these remarks were made. The General said that he has been informed recently by another member of the Foreign Relations Committee that McLeod contacted Senator Bridges when the [redacted] matter broke in the newspapers and asked Bridges if he resigned from his Department of State position, could he have his old job back. He also learned that prior to the initial newspaper publicity concerning this controversy, McLeod had on two different occasions gone to Senator McCarthy's office and spoke either with the Senator or one of his investigators. He, therefore, feels that the newspaper publicity emanated from McCarthy's office. He said that when the President found out what had happened, he wanted to fire McLeod immediately; however, General Smith said that he persuaded the President not to fire McLeod at that time because it would be bad tactics. He said, however, the issue has been raised and although nothing will be done about McLeod at the present time, they will face the facts as developed to date and something must be done in the future. The General did not indicate what, if any, further action they contemplated taking relative to McLeod.

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The General stated that he was furnishing this information in the strictest confidence for the Director and did not want it disseminated outside of the Bureau under any circumstances.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 30, 1953

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: SCOTT McLEOD

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-81 BY SP4 JRM/LL 206 SKG

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SYNOPSIS:

Pursuant to instructions of Director, General Walter Bedell Smith granted permission to query McLeod as to why he felt FBI investigation on [redacted] was incomplete. McLeod in interview today said that during conversation with Smith question had come up as to whether FBI memorandum was result of name check only or results of full-field investigation. Smith of opinion memorandum based on name check. McLeod said he told Smith it was based on full-field investigation although he wasn't sure. Said if it was result of full-field investigation, it failed to reflect three matters which he felt should have been pursued, namely (1) that [redacted] comments concerning [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom had in the past given [redacted] as a reference had not been obtained, (2) that the question of whether [redacted] had been dismissed from St. Paul's School, had not been resolved as State's security file indicated he had been dismissed, whereas State's Biographical Register showed him to have graduated from this school, (3) that references given by [redacted] at time he first applied for State job had not been interviewed. McLeod claimed that he did not want to raise issue with Director as to whether memorandum contained results of name check or full-field investigation as Secretary Dulles had already testified before Foreign Relations Committee that memorandum was results of full-field FBI investigation. With Smith's approval, McLeod advised he started an investigation to obtain these data but stopped because of newspaper publicity. McLeod said discussion of these points with Smith was in confidence, and considered Smith as "ratting" on a fellow State Department worker, for disclosing their conversation to outside source. McLeod indicated desire to see Director further regarding this matter. Will make appointment in immediate future.

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ACTION:

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For your information. A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the Investigative Division for its information and study in view of the allegations made by McLeod.

I want to know why we didn't pursue these 3 points

1 - Investigative Division

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DETAILS:

In my memorandum to you of March 25, 1953, you will recall that I advised that General Walter Bedell Smith had informed Mr. Quigley of the Liaison Section on a confidential basis that McLeod had informed him that the FBI investigation of [redacted] was a bad job and that several matters had not been followed up. This memorandum suggested, that if the Director approved, that General Smith be recontacted and his permission obtained to question McLeod as to the FBI's failure to pursue all logical leads in the [redacted] investigation inasmuch as such a charge was a serious allegation against the FBI. With reference to this suggestion, the Director stated "Yes, and promptly. H."

On March 30, 1953, Mr. Quigley contacted General Smith and requested his permission to query McLeod as to why he felt the FBI had conducted a bad investigation and specifically what matters had he indicated to the General that the FBI had not pursued to a logical conclusion. The General said that he did not object to Mr. Quigley discussing this matter with McLeod.

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On the same day McLeod was interviewed in his office. He was informed that General Smith had advised the Liaison Agent that McLeod had told him after reading the FBI summary memorandum on [redacted] that the FBI had conducted a bad investigation and had not followed up on several matters.

In answer to this McLeod said that he had already discussed this matter with the Director. He was then asked if he had pointed out specifically to the Director just what matters had not been followed through. He said that he had not gone into any great detail about this matter and was not sure that the Director knew exactly what matters he thought had been missed. He also said that he has not at any time inquired of the Director as to whether or not the memorandum submitted by the FBI reported the results of a full-field investigation or merely a name check.

McLeod said that in order for the Director to understand exactly how this matter of an incomplete investigation had come up, he would like to relate his side of the story.

On the day following Secretary Dulles' testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee he said that he had a conference with General Smith about the [redacted] memorandum. He related that the General was of the opinion that the FBI summary memorandum on [redacted] was merely the results of a name check and did not report on a full-field investigation. McLeod said that he informed the General that he thought this memorandum undoubtedly reported the results of a full-field investigation, although he was not certain. He said that in any event he did not think that any issue should be raised as to whether a full-field investigation had been conducted in view of the fact that the Secretary had on the previous day testified to the effect that the FBI's inquiry was a full-field investigation. He said he told General Smith that if the question was raised now as to whether the summary represented a full-field investigation or merely a name check, it would undoubtedly result in a controversy with the Director which he claimed that he did not want to occur.

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McLeod said that he told Smith that he did not want to be placed in the position of being critical of the FBI's investigation but that if this summary represented a full-field investigation, he felt that there were several matters which the FBI had not done which he believed should have been resolved during the course of the investigation. McLeod said one of the things that he thought should have been pursued which apparently was not was the fact that our memorandum showed that [redacted] name had been given as a reference by [redacted] and he believed a man named [redacted] All of these individuals were, as he recalled, [redacted] He felt that the Bureau should have determined what [redacted] comments had been regarding these people. He said that if the investigation had reflected that [redacted] had recommended all of these individuals from a loyalty as well as a moral standpoint, then the presumption would be that he condoned such types of individuals. If on the other hand [redacted] had been critical of these persons [redacted] that would have indicated what his thoughts were on this subject and which would have gone a long way, in his opinion, in

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resolving the question of his, [redacted] moral character. Of course, if the Bureau's memorandum was merely a name check he would not have expected such information, but if it had been the result of a full-field investigation, he felt that such data should have been developed. McLeod said he also had noted that the FBI summary failed to indicate that any of the references listed by [redacted] at the time he originally applied for a position in the State Department in the late twenties had been interviewed. He felt this was a dereliction. McLeod further pointed out that the State's security file on [redacted] indicated that while [redacted] was going to the St. Paul's School he had gotten into difficulty, had been investigated and dismissed. He said that the State Department Biographical Register indicated that [redacted] had graduated from this school. He felt that this discrepancy should have been completely resolved by the FBI investigation. He said that he either pointed these short comings in the FBI investigation to General Smith or General Smith had suggested them to him, he couldn't recall which, but in any event he said that General Smith approved of his conducting further investigation of [redacted] with a view of developing additional information which they could use in questioning [redacted] McLeod said that when he obtained the above information he planned to give [redacted] By that he meant he would question him along the same lines as he would any other individual [redacted] As a matter of fact, he said that he sent his investigators out to get the answers to these questions but after a check of Civil Service records failed to furnish any information regarding [redacted] he decided to hold up on any further investigation because of the publicity which broke about the same time. The contemplated interview with [redacted] was not conducted for the same reason.

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McLeod was considerably disturbed by the fact that General Smith had advised the Bureau of the fact that he, McLeod, felt that the FBI investigation was not as complete as it should have been. He said that he felt the conversation between him and General Smith was in confidence and he said that it

looks to him as though Smith was "ratting" on one of his fellow State Department workers. He desired the Liaison Agent to inform the Director that he had no intention of being critical of the Bureau's investigation and was most anxious to discuss this matter further with the Director. He said he would make an appointment to see him in the immediate future.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director DATE: 2-8-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in: 66-1731-20-14

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Page 1731. The Senate adopted S. Res. 280, to pay Edna V. McLeod, widow of Scott McLeod, an employee of the Senate at the time of his death, a sum equal to one year's compensation at the rate he was receiving by law at the time of his death. Mr. McLeod was an Agent of the Bureau from June 1, 1942, to December 22, 1949. A memorandum was prepared on this resolution at the time it was reported from Committee.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-20-59

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in: 66-1131-1615

Pages 108-109 Senator Dirksen, (R) Illinois, spoke concerning ambassadorial appointments. His reference to Scott McLeod, former FBI agent, was included in a memorandum prepared earlier today.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: August 13, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT

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The Director inquired on the Herald Tribune clipping of August 7 as to why the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee did not take the testimony of [redacted] in Austria.

While talking to Bob Morris on other matters, I asked him why they didn't go over there and take [redacted] testimony in Austria. He stated that first of all the Austrian Government would not permit it, that the Austrian Government even protested when Ben Mandel interviewed [redacted] over there; that, secondly, they had been hopeful of getting [redacted] into the United States because of the psychological effect that [redacted] would have in making his disclosures. He further stated that he is even more anxious now to get [redacted] to the United States as [redacted] had come close to putting [redacted] in the Communist Party. [redacted] is now in Ireland and is being squired around by Scott McLeod.

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Robert W.S. McLeod

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cc-Mr. Boardman
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ALLEGATIONS OF INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATION
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Scott McLeod of the State Department, Security Division, stated he felt FBI had not resolved three matters during the investigation of [redacted] which are discussed as follows:

I. McLeod stated [redacted] had been given as a reference in applications for Government jobs by [redacted] apparently meaning [redacted] and he believed a man named [redacted] McLeod felt Bureau should have determined what [redacted] comments had been regarding these people when [redacted] was interviewed concerning them.

MR. ROSEN'S ANSWER:

A more direct means of establishing relationship between [redacted] and these persons is set out in the summary memorandum. As to [redacted] the summary reflects [redacted] listed [redacted] as a reference in 1947 and that results of [redacted] interview by Security Division of State Department concerning [redacted] were included in the summary. [redacted] was also interviewed in Paris by Bureau's representative. [redacted] not interviewed by Bureau as he was at Munich, Germany, at the time. (No specific comment is made about any record of [redacted] statement as a reference concerning [redacted] No record in summary of [redacted] giving [redacted] name as a reference. There appears in summary information that [redacted] furnished information concerning [redacted] As to [redacted] during a prior investigation by FBI of [redacted] reflect [redacted] listed [redacted] as a character reference. "There is no indication [redacted] was interviewed." Information as to allegations that [redacted] and results of interview with [redacted] included in summary. As to [redacted] files of Security Division, State Department,

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reflect [redacted] gave [redacted] as a reference in application, date not known, for employment by War Assets Administration. [redacted] had stated he strongly believes [redacted] b6 b7C

The whereabouts of [redacted] is unknown. There is no indication that [redacted] was interviewed as a reference of [redacted] All information regarding [redacted] in State Department files included in summary.

FINDINGS:

McLeod is in error as to [redacted] was interviewed by another agency as a reference and brief comments of [redacted] about [redacted] set forth in FBI summary (Page 7).

There is no reference in the summary that [redacted] ever listed [redacted] as a reference or that [redacted] was interviewed about [redacted] b6 b7C

There is no reference in the summary that one [redacted] listed [redacted] as a reference.

[redacted] according to summary (Page 5, Paragraph 2), listed [redacted] as a character reference. No mention is made of [redacted] having been interviewed or not interviewed in the investigation of [redacted]

Summary states (Page 5, Paragraph 3) [redacted] gave [redacted] as a reference when applying for appointment with War Assets Administration. No mention is made of [redacted] having been interviewed or not interviewed in the investigation of [redacted] b6 b7C

CONCLUSION:

Since there is information as to [redacted] and [redacted] it would have been pertinent to discover and report what [redacted] as a reference had said as to them. This I believe should have been resolved, but was not. b6 b7C

McLeod was in error as to [redacted] and there is nothing in the summary to show that [redacted] listed [redacted] as a reference.

II. McLeod states the State Department file indicates while [redacted] was attending St. Paul's School, he got into difficulty, had been investigated and dismissed. Yet the State Department's Biographical Register indicated [redacted] had graduated. McLeod felt this discrepancy should have been completely resolved by FBI. b6 b7C

MR. ROSEN'S ANSWER (By Memo 4/1/53)

The Washington Field Office reviewed what was purportedly the State Department's file. The Washington Field Office did not state [redacted] was dismissed from this school, nonetheless, in the interest of thoroughness, although we do not ordinarily check prep school records, such records were checked and show [redacted] attended St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, from September 1917 to June 1923, when he graduated. Boston office reported no unfavorable information in school records or alumni records. One instructor recalls [redacted] but he recalled nothing derogatory. Credit and criminal records at Concord negative.

FINDINGS:

Summary reflects attendance at this school from September 1917 to June 1923, when he graduated. Also it shows check of credit and police records at Concord, New Hampshire, which were negative. A "traffic violation" and $5.00 fine on 9/13/22 at West Roxbury, Massachusetts, was reported in summary.

CONCLUSION:

If there is a reference in State Department files to [redacted] being dismissed from this school, it is not reported but should have been. Also, in view of various allegations [redacted] such information as to being in difficulty and being dismissed from prep school should have been resolved. Perhaps some former classmates or former teachers could have been located for interview, although this was 30 or more years ago. He would have been in better position had this been done but the allegation is partially nullified by fact that [redacted] graduated. If the lead was in State Department's file as McLeod states, the omission when [redacted] was between 13 and 19 years of age is not serious. b6 b7C

III. McLeod stated the summary failed to indicate that any of the references listed by [redacted] at the time he originally applied for a position in the State Department in the late 1920's had been interviewed.

MR. ROSEN'S REPLY:

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[redacted] applied on 10/15/28. References listed by [redacted] in this application were not reported by Washington Field Office and it was not known whether State Department interviewed these references in 1928. Not logical to list [redacted] references of a quarter of a century ago. It is not Bureau policy to interview references listed in each (former) application for employment. No indication these references should be interviewed or that they, if alive, would provide new information. Numerous persons interviewed who have been acquainted with [redacted] for a number of years.

FINDINGS:

Summary shows 44 interviews plus unnamed neighbors and 20 record checks which is formidable, also were in diversified fields. Interview with references listed in 1928 not considered necessary unless some special reason shown and no such reason shown to exist here. References usually presumed to be favorable.

CONCLUSION:

No proper basis for complaint.

OTHER POSSIBLE QUESTIONS:

Following questions might subsequently arise:

(1) McLeod alleged to have said FBI should give [redacted] a lie-detector test. This is not a function of FBI. Lie detectors are largely psychological aids and practice of applying such tests to Government applicants and appointees would be ridiculous, impractical and unwise.

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(2) (Page 4, First Paragraph) [redacted] reported in summary to have stated, "to send a man who prospered and who helped along the appeasement period is wrong." b6 b7C

Question is not resolved as to what is meant by "a man who prospered," meaning [redacted] Does this signify he profited financially by his action and if so, was there corruption or lack of ethics involved?

(3) (Page 6, 3rd Complete Paragraph) [redacted] Special Agent, Office of Security, State Department, referring to cross-indexing names concerning the interviews of Department of State employees [redacted] advised that he knows the State Department has an index card on [redacted] in this regard. b6 b7C

Although this is expanded on by showing [redacted], what is recorded on the index card? This is not resolved.

(4) [redacted] said (Page 14, Last Paragraph), [redacted] was the force behind the ninety million dollar loan to Poland and it was inconceivable to him that an individual could recommend the economic build-up of a Communist enemy of the United States. Other statements by [redacted] as to [redacted] appeasement policy are recorded. b6 b7C

It is not believed the Bureau should investigate matters of judgment which subsequently are ratified by higher echelon officials and the State Department's policy records should be sufficient and no additional investigation of such acts believed advisable by MSI.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) That some Bureau official talk to McLeod and inform him of the inaccuracy of the facts concerning some of his opinions such as there being no statement in summary that [redacted] or order listed [redacted] as a reference and that [redacted] comments concerning [redacted] were not listed.

Also the lack of necessity of checking a conflicting record in the State Department's files concerning a prep school attendance 30 or more years ago and lack of logic in interviewing references listed in 25-year-old application.

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